Key to Success this fortnight:  Confidence

From the Principal - Sharon McMorrow

Sandy Strait 2015 NAPLAN Results- A Reason to Celebrate

Last week the 2015 NAPLAN results were made available to schools. Our Year 3 and 5 children have achieved outstanding results and in a number of areas are out performing the Nation.

This year our whole school improvement plan has focussed on 3 key areas:

- Whole School Reading
- Whole School Word Study
- Whole School Numeracy.

All aspects of school organisation - timetabling, intensive intervention, resourcing and professional learning have been aligned to these priorities from Prep through to Year 6.

This intensive focus and unrelenting commitment school wide by all of our teachers and teacher aides has ensured that our children both this year and in coming years are well positioned to continue to shine.

In the area of Numeracy:
In Year 3 our school has outperformed Like Schools, State Schools and the Nation.
In Year 5 our school has outperformed Like Schools and State Schools and is equivalent with the Nation.

In the area of Reading:
In Year 3 our school has outperformed Like Schools, State Schools and the Nation.
In Year 5 our school has outperformed Like Schools and State Schools and is on par with the Nation.

In the area of Writing:
In Year 3 our school has outperformed Like Schools, State Schools and is on par with the Nation.
In Year 5 our school outperformed Like Schools and is on par with State Schools.
In the area of Spelling:
In Year 3 our school outperformed Like Schools, State Schools and is on par with the Nation.
In Year 5 our school outperformed Like Schools and is on par with State Schools.

In the area of Grammar and Punctuation,
In Year 3 our school outperformed Like Schools and is on par with both State Schools and the Nation.
In Year 5 our school outperformed Like Schools and is on par with both State Schools and the Nation.

This is an outstanding result and something that our whole school community should be extremely proud of. Congratulations children !!!!!!!!!!

Children’s Book Week and Grandparents Day

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<td>Grandparents spend time in their Grandchildren's classrooms sharing in special book week activities.</td>
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<td>Grandparents to join us for “Rug Reading” Children from Prep to Year 6 come out on the oval and participate in storytelling on picnic rugs in the sunshine</td>
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<td>10.45am– 11.15am</td>
<td>Morning tea for children. Grandparents are welcome to join children for morning tea. Grandparents are welcome to visit our Bookfair in the library before departing</td>
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It is essential that we have an accurate indication of Grandparents attending to ensure that we are well prepared and are able to cater appropriately for this event.

Please be sure to RSVP by completing the slip below by Monday, 17th August at the latest.

We look forward to celebrating this special day with you.

Kind regards
Sharon McMorrow
Principal

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Grandparent’s Day—27th August

Number of Grandparents attending

Please add the name of each child in the family and their class (to assist us with organisation)

Child’s Name __________________________ Class __________________
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RSVP 17th August
News from the Principal Continued  Mrs Sharon McMorrow

Are you Ready for our Pre Prep Session 1 “Early Number Concepts ?”

Enrolments for the 2016 Prep Year Are Now Open

Enrolments are now being taken for the Prep Year in 2016.

Parents are invited to come into the school office and collect an enrolment pack containing information about the Prep Program, enrolment information and other brochures and documentation about the 2016 school year.

Children who turn 5 by the 30th June 2016 are eligible to attend Prep in the 2016 School year.

“The first in our series of Pre Prep Sessions focuses on Early Number Concepts and is planned for Friday 21st August from 9:30- 10:30

If you have not yet registered your attendance (for yourself and your child) for our session on the 21st August can you please contact the school office to ensure we have a Take Home Resource Pack ready for you.

Please be sure to register your attendance for the sessions below

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School Photos Scheduled for 19th and 20th August

By now all families should have received photo ordering envelopes for the 2015 School Photos which are scheduled for next Wednesday and Thursday.

If you have not received your photo ordering envelopes or have misplaced yours please be sure to contact the school office.

Families are asked to send the correct photo money along in these special envelopes on the day of your child’s scheduled photo.

Children are reminded to wear the school uniform (green and white polo shirt) and grey bottoms to school on this day. Students in Year 6 are asked to wear their Senior shirt to school for their class photo and Senior Group photos.

NOTE: 8:00—8:30 Sibling Photos Wednesday, 19 August and Thursday 20 August. Siblings please present photo envelope.
This term our students will complete two units in English continue to meet and plan in maths with the maths coach as well as continue their units in Geography, Science, P.E, music and the Visual Arts.

The following overviews give you information on the work students are doing in maths and English this term.

**Prep English**

Preps are working hard to understand the use of rhyming words and their link to poetry as they say and write short rhymes to entertain their classmates. They are reading and listening to a number of texts that provide the rhythm and fun of rhymes and taking time to share their opinions of the different rhymes. Prep students are also continuing their work on sounds and letters, recognising sight words quickly without sounding out and writing short texts on a range on topics.

At the end of this term I will publish some of their rhymes for you to enjoy.

In **maths** our Preps are continuing to practise their counting and sequencing counting patterns up to 20. Preps will continue to talk about the duration of events using the language of time; sort and classify familiar objects and explain their reasons for their choices of sorting and classifying objects and practising their skills of measurement using terms like longer, heavier and holds more.

**Year 1 English**

Year One students are finishing a unit where they have used using stories about interesting characters as a model to build their knowledge and skills in using describing words to build character descriptions. Students have developed their vocabulary and writing ability to write brief descriptions and then illustrate. In their next unit students will continue with their understanding of character descriptions, setting and plot to develop their skills and ability in retelling a story.

In **maths** our year one students are continuing to count collections to 100 and practising partitioning these numbers using their knowledge of place value. They are continuing to develop their counting skills through skip counting and patterning and counting from any given number. They are also consolidating their knowledge of one half and their knowledge of two dimensional and three dimensional shapes. Over the next few weeks they will begin to explore time.

**Year 2 English**

Year Two will be moving from procedures to narratives and information texts in their next unit. They will be studying the features and structure of a narrative and information text and using this knowledge to write information and narrative texts. Students will need to know how to make their verbs stronger and more interesting as well as looking at nouns and describers. It is challenging to move from writing facts to writing to entertain which requires more description.

In **maths**, students will continue working on numbers up to 1000. They will be working on these numbers for the whole term, learning how to read, write and represent them. This unit they have also been looking at halves, quarters and eighths, length, area and capacity, turns, flips and slides.

Next unit covers money, calendar and 2D and 3D shapes.

**Year 3 English**

Year three students are completing a unit using the Lorax where they need to look at all characters and their behaviours and use their descriptions to retell parts of the story. In this unit they are studying an exciting story called “Kumiko and the Dragon’s Secret” and providing an alternative ending. Students will need to understand the setting, characters and plot to be able to continue the story and provide their own ending.

**Year 2/3Q English**

Year 2/3Q have just finished studying Procedures and have been reading ‘Charlottes Web’. They needed to write a recipe to help Wilbur win the prize at the show and a recipe for some medicine to make Uncle Skinny and lose the prize at the show. Wilbur and Uncle are both pigs.

I will publish some of their work in the next newsletter as I’m sure there will be some enlightening ideas around recipes to help fatten and recipes to help reduce weight!

Year 2/3Q will be studying information texts in their next unit.

In **maths** year 3 will continue to represent money values in multiple ways and count the change required for simple transactions to the nearest five cents. They will also continue to work with fractions including 1/2, 1/4, 1/3, 1/5 and creating number patterns as well as continuing with learning addition and subtraction operations.

They are starting to learn to tell time to the minute and will continue with this for the rest of the term.

**Dates to note:**

19th & 20th August – School photos
21st August – Pre Prep session 1 (prospective Preps 2016)
27th August – Grandparents Day and Rug Reading

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**News from Chaplaincy Committee**

**Come Dressed as Your Hero on Tuesday 18th August**

Next Tuesday 18th August the Chaplaincy committee will be having a free dress day to raise funds for school chaplaincy.

Children are encouraged to come dressed as their hero and bring along a gold coin donation.

Please help support this great cause and our fabulous chaplain, Chappy Trina.
Bullying………

Sandy Strait takes the responsibility of providing a safe learning environment seriously. With a significant number of students gathering in close vicinity of each other it is reasonable to expect, from time to time, disagreements and problems amongst students that require a teacher’s help to resolve. However, our school has no tolerance towards bullying or harassment.

Bullying is ongoing, frequent behaviour used by a person or group who gain power over a less powerful person. It includes deliberately and repeatedly trying to make a person upset, angry, humiliated or afraid.

A school’s biggest ally in our plight against bullying are our supportive bystanders. A supportive bystander can be; one who helps take safe action to stop bullying, find help or support the victim. A supportive bystander helps by:

- Making it clear to friends that they won’t be involved in bullying behaviour;
- Never standing by and watching or encouraging bullying behaviour;
- Not harassing, teasing or spreading gossip about others;
- Supporting the person who is being bullied to ask for help e.g. going with them to a place where they can get help (i.e. a teacher, deputy or principal);
- Reporting bullying to someone in authority or someone they trust e.g. their teacher, deputy or principal.

We encourage all our parents to reinforce with their children the importance of being a supportive bystander in helping to make our school the safe and supportive environment we value.

Year 3 & 4 Gala Day

We wish our Year 3 & 4 students all the best this Friday as they head off to participate in the Winter Gala day. Students have an opportunity to participate in the following sports:

- Oz Tag
- Netball
- Soccer
- Hockey
- AFL

Students are reminded that even through it is winter time they still need to be sun smart; wear a hat, use sunscreen and drink water.

Spin Cycle Challenge

The Hervey Bay Spin Cycle Challenge is an exciting 30 minute stationary bike challenge that will be held at the Hervey Bay Great Hall, on August 21st, to raise money for Chaplaincy. Contact Chappy Trina for all the details about this great event.

Hervey Bay District Athletics Trials

SSSS students performed pretty well at the HBD Athletics Trials on Friday. As usual they gave it their best shot and we had some pleasing results.

Ethan – 1st 9yr High Jump, 2nd 9yr 100m and 2nd 9yr 200m
Montaya – 2nd 9yr 100m

Our children offered a position in the HBD Team to attend WB trials –

Brendon - shot put 10yr
Kara - Para Deaf Athlete - 100m, 200mand long jump 11yr
Ryan - long jump 11yr
Siobhan - discus 10yr
Gabby - discus 11yr
Jayde - shot put 12yr
Georgie - long jump & high jump 12yr
Kiara - long jump 10yr

Community News

Hervey Bay Council for the Arts Inc.
Artslink

Garage / Boot / Suitcase Sale
Saturday, 22nd August, 2015
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Free Admission
On the lawns corner of Colton and Bideford Streets
Hervey Bay

Jumping Castle
Sausage Sizzle
Sites (3m x 3m) $5.00
For more information and bookings, phone: Josie Street 0408 827 917

Harvey Bay State High School Parents’ and Citizens’ Association

SWAP MEET
Saturday, 7th November, 2015
Gates open 6:30 – close 1:00 p.m.
Admission $5.00
Hervey Bay State High School Oval
(entrance off Old Maryborough Road)

Antiques and Collectibles
Bakery
Baked Goods
Books
Clothes
Crafts
Dolls
Food and Drinks
Furniture
Games
Plants
Potting Plants
Seedlings
Sermons
Various

SCOTTYS MAD ABOUT MEATS
All proceeds, including admission fee, are used to improve facilities for Harvey Bay State High School students.

Hervey Bay City Council

Torbanlea State School

FETE

- Rides and Slides
- Annual Art Auction
- ‘Torba’s Got Talent’
- Entertainment
- Food – BBQ, Dutch pancakes
- Drinks and coffee van
- Show bag & Lucky dip
- Side show alley Chocolate Tins
- Jam, cake and book stalls
- 100 wheel & raffles
- Dunking machine

Pre-purchase armbands for unlimited rides and slides for $37 from the tuckshop.

SUNDAY AUGUST 29TH - 10AM TO 1PM
### News from P & C

#### Fathers Day Stall

P&C is holding a Fathers Day Stall in Week 8 (31.08.2015—4.09.2015)

Classes will be allocated a time to attend with a teacher. Items will range from $2.00 to $10.00. Students will be limited to two (2) items during this time, but all leftover items will be available to purchase by students and parents after 2.50 pm on Friday, 4th September, 2015.

We will send home a reminder for each class when timetable is completed.

### News from School Banking

#### School Banking

There has been a slight change in the processing of school banking as of Monday 3 August, 2015.

School banking will still take place each Monday, however it will now be taken by courier to the bank on a Friday for security reasons. Prior to this school banking money was taken by the school banking processors to the bank, however it has been decided that it is preferable that a courier takes banking money to the bank to be deposited.

Due to the change in days as to when the money is deposited at the bank, it may take a week for your child's banking details to show money deposited into their account.

Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to continue to process your child’s money for banking.

#### School Banking Rewards Prizes

We enjoy giving out prizes to students who have collected 10 deposit tokens and it is very exciting for your child to receive their prize.

This is how the prize system works:

One token is given per bank deposit, therefore if your child makes one deposit a week during a ten week term, they will receive a total of ten tokens. Once they have ten tokens they can redeem these for a prize. Students don't have to claim a prize as soon as they earn ten tokens, but please remember prize tokens that are not used up by the end of the school year must be returned to the school banking processors.

Cards showing what prizes are available have been issued to students, however if your child did not receive one or has misplaced it, please leave a note in your child’s banking wallet and we will be more than happy to provide a prize card.

There are still several types of prizes available for students to claim that are not on the prize card, from previous years, students who have the required number of tokens to claim a prize will be issued with a list of alternative prizes to choose from, the next time they bank money.

Helen and Carly
School Banking Coordinators

### News from Book Club

#### Scholastic Book Club

Catalogues for issue 6 of the Scholastic Book Club will be issued in week 6.

Book club orders, both online and cash/EFTPOS/cheque will be due by 4 September, 2015.

Thank you to those parents, families and teachers who have ordered books and resources via book club so far this year. In doing so we have raised credits with Scholastic, enabling the school to purchase resources. Future purchases will also enable the school to earn credits to purchase further resources. Resources which the school have purchased with credits in the past include library books and sets of readers, which the students and teaching staff appreciate and enjoy.

If you have any concerns regarding orders, please contact the office and the ladies will be able to forward messages to us.

Helen and Carly - Book Club Coordinators

### News from the Librarian

#### It’s Book Week in week 7!

We are hosting a Carnival Book Fair for the week, which all classes will have the opportunity of visiting.

Purchases can be made from 8-8.30, 1-1.30, and from 3-3.30ish

Tuesday 25 – Thursday 27 August, and LAST SALES from 8-8.30 and 1-1.30 on Friday 28 August. The fair is packed up after lunch on Friday.

Our really big day is of course Grandparents Day on Thursday 27.